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Dear Friend:

I thought I knew all there was to know about the baseball, but I must admit I have a long way to go. To begin with this is my first experience with percentage baseball. You did me a big favor when you insisted on me taking the cash Sunday. I had no intention of paying the men off Sunday night. Well I think some of them would have had a fit if I did not have their money. They want to be paid off right after the game.

Now I told you I had promised them 25%, and even had to guarantee Wells a specific amount. If I had stopped to think I guess I should have known the Major league players would demand the most money. I can see now the games should have been planned much sooner than they were, and we would have discussed the details more thoroughly.

I want to ask you if there is not some way I can get some of the money I have spent back. I did think I might make a few dollars, but I did not plan to go in the hole. As things stand now, I stand to lose at least \$350.00, maybe four or five hundred. I am enclosing a statement so you can see how it had been spent. If there is any way I can recover some of it I would appreciate it.

Please send me the statement as soon as you can, as I am being annoyed for it. I will appreciate it if you will mail me 25 gen. add. comps. for the ballplayers, and a complimentary box of eight for myself and 12 box seats for The Elks. I think they help us a lot. I hate to think of last Sunday if no Negroes had been out. I hope this Sunday we will have some Dodger fans. Please let me hear from you right away.

Very Truly Yours